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Dr. Joseph L. Witztum  
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Dear Dr. Witztum:

I have received your recent letter requesting partial support for the Gordon Atherosclerosis Conference to be held this Summer. From your enclosed description, the meeting will be both exciting and important; exactly the type of conference we have taken pride in supporting. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors of the Gordon Conferences has voted not to accept any contributions from the Council for Tobacco Research "or any other organizations which are primarily and directly involved in the sale and production of tobacco."

While CTR of course is not involved in tobacco sales or production, it is no secret that the nearly \$20 million we spend annually in support of basic biomedical research is ultimately derived from companies that sell tobacco among other products. Over the many years that CTR has helped to support numerous Gordon Conferences, we have never failed to be impressed with the outstanding quality of these meetings and we have been especially gratified that our own grantees are often organizers or keynote speakers there. From reading the agenda, I would love to have attended myself!

If the Board of Directors relaxes their policy in the future, we would be delighted to consider another request. Also do keep us in mind if you are organizing a similar conference under other auspices.

Sincerely,



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